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Title: Need to instruct FCI to lift surplus rice from Odisha and increase storage capacity of food grains in the State.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Odisha is a decentralized procurement State. The main problem is storage of food grains in the State. Total capacity of storage is 13 lakh MT out of which FCI has 5,92,000 MT and Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation (OSCSC) Ltd. Has 7,08,000 MT under this control. Due to shortage of storage capacity, it is not possible to receive entire Custom Milled Rice (CMR) within the stipulated time.

Government of India and FCI have been requested to lift surplus rice so as to create space for millers to deliver CMR. The FCI has received 6.47 lakh MT of CMR as on 17.07.2013 which is over 70% over the receipt in last KMS. FCI needs to receive at least 15 lakh MT of CMR in the current kharif Marketing Season (KMS) as the procurement will be around 37 lakh MT in terms of rice.

The FCI has lifted about 2.77 lakh MT of rice during the period from April to June, 2013 and 1.6 lakh MT in first quarter of 2013. But it needs to lift about 15 lakh MT of rice to outside the State in the current KMS as the requirement under PDS and other welfare schemes of the State is about 1.50 lakh MT every month in order to manage the stock. In August, 2013 FCI had to lift 1.20 lakh MT of rice and induct 35000 MT of wheat into the State.

Therefore, I would urge upon the Government to instruct FCI to lift the surplus rice from Odisha and increase storage capacity of food grains in the state at the earliest.